

# Merchant Taylors' Junior Boys' School

## Year 3 - 6 Reading Lists



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For Boys and Girls  
aged 4 to 18 years

The following lists are suggestions for Y3 to Y6 reading books. There are fiction, non-fiction and poetry lists from a variety of authors. A lot of these books are stocked in our Junior Library, whilst the others are widely available. These are not meant to be prescriptive lists; merely suggestions to help with reading choices for home and school. Books shown in red are those recently added to our reading lists (June 2018)

I hope you find them beneficial.

**HAPPY READING!**

# YEAR 3

## FICTION

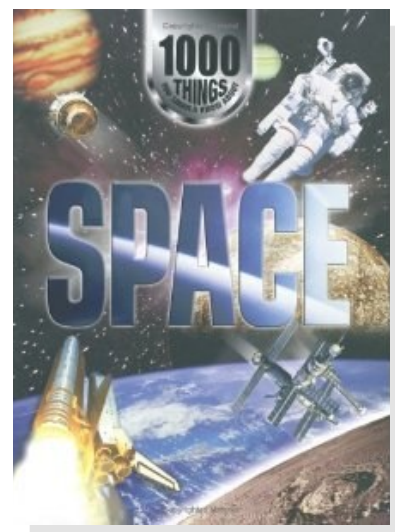
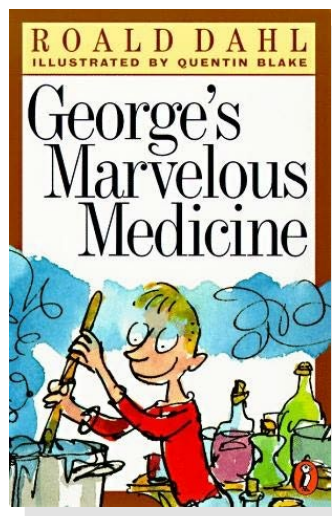
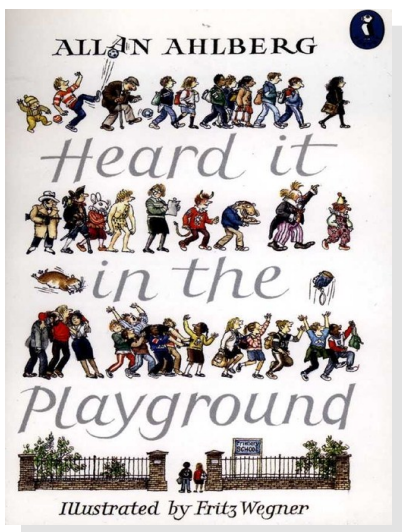
AUTHOR	TITLE		
A. Ahlberg	Better Brown books	E. Ibbotson	The Abominables
P. Arkle	The Village Dinosaur	M. Joy	The Allotment School books
	The railway cat	R. Kingsland	Crabtree Chronicles
L. Reid Banks	Harry the Poisonous Centipede	R. McGough	The Stowaways
B. Birney	The world according to Humphrey	A. Matthews	Mallory Cox books
T. Blacker	Ms Wiz books	B. Mooney	I Know
M. Blackman	Whizzwig books	M. Morpurgo	I Don't Want To
E. Blyton	Secret Seven books		Butterfly Lion
	Famous Five books		The Wreck of the Zanzibar
T. Bradman	Dilly the Dinosaur books		Mr Skip
L.J. Brisley	Milly Molly Mandy books		Cool!
A. Brown	Smallpox Slayer	J. Murphy	Toro! Toro!
J. Browne	Flat Stanley books	B. Naidoo	Billy the Kid
H. Carpenter	Mr Majeika books	P. Pearce	The Worst Witch books
R. Childs	The Big Match and other football books		Journey to Jo'Burg
	Time Ranger books		A Dog too Small
P. Clover	Shelie books	D. Pilkey	Mrs Cockle's cat
S. Cole	Astrosaurus books	S. Pirotta	Captain Underpants books
E. Colfer	Legend of Spud Murphy	J.G. Robinson	Orchard book of first Greek myths
H. Cresswell	Posy Bates books	J. Scieszka	Teddy Robinson books
	The secret world of Polly Flint	F. Simon	True story of the 3 little pigs
G. Cross	The Roman Beanfeast	D. King Smith	Horrid Henry books
	Rent a Genius		Sophie books
R. Dahl	The Twits		The Sheep Pig
	Esio Trot		Dodos are Forever
	The Magic Finger	C. Smith	The invisible dog
	George's Marvellous Medicine	J. Strong	The Hodgeheg
L. Daniels	Dog in the Dungeon		Kid normal
T. Diterlizzi	Animal Ark books		The Karate Princess
P. Danziger	Amber Brown books	J. Swindells	Lightning Lucy
A. Fine	Bill's New Frock	J. Tomlinson	The Viking books
	The Country Pancake		Ice Palace
	The Chicken Gave it to Me		The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark
	The Angel of Nitshill Road	K. Umansky	Quest for 100 Gold Coins books
J. Gavin	Someone's Watching, Someone's Waiting	J. Wilson	Cat Mummy
	Someone's Waiting		The Werpuppy
D. Hendry	Fiona finds her Tongue		Cliffhanger
S. Hughes	The Charlie Moon Collection		Sleepover

## NON-FICTION

AUTHOR/SERIES	TITLE
T. Deary	Horrible Histories: Rotten Romans; Vicious Vikings; York
B. Fowke	What they don't tell you about: Romans in Britain; Anglo-Saxons; Vikings
S. Anderson	Rob the Roman gets eaten by a lion
S. Ross	Coming Alive: Find King Alfred! Pub: Heinemann Info Search: Sea Creatures
"DK Readers"	Mohammed Ali Free at Last Joan of Arc
"Wild Lives"	Diving with Dolphins; Walking with Wolves, Talking to Tigers, Bonding with Bears, Spying on Lions; Swimming with Sharks
R. McCormick	Shooting Stars: Nutty Nature
S. Becklake	1000 things you should know about Space

## POETRY

AUTHOR	TITLE
A. Ahlberg	Heard it in the Playground Please Mrs Butler
C. Bevan	Fairy Poems
Ed J. Foster; K.Paul	Dragons, Dinosaurs, Monster Poems
C.McNaughton	There's an awful lot of Weirdos in our Neighbourhood
C.McNaughton	Making Friends with Frankenstein
Pub: The Chicken House	Once Upon A Time



# YEAR 4

## NON-FICTION

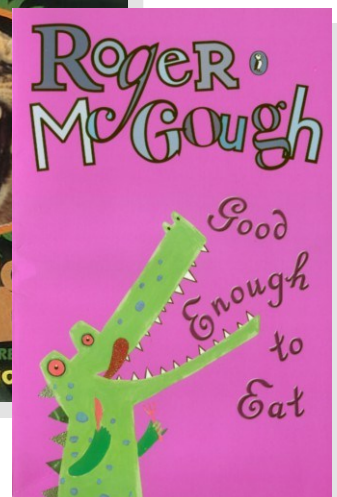
### AUTHOR/SERIES TITLE

- Horrible Histories (any in the series) including:  
     Awesome Egyptians;  
     Groovy Greeks  
     Dead Famous Cleopatra and  
     her asp
- Horrible Geography (any in the series)  
 T. Deary      Top Ten Greek Legends  
 M. Cox        Top Ten Viking Legends  
 M. Coleman    The Knowledge: Foul Football  
 What they don't tell you about  
     Ancient Egyptians  
     Living Things  
     Olympics
- N. Arnold Speedy Reads:  
     Moon Landing
- Explorers Wanted! (any in the series) including:  
     On the South Sea Islands  
     On Safari
- "Wild Lives" (any in the series) including:  
     Bonding with Bears;  
     Spying on Lions;  
     Swimming with Sharks;  
     Talking to Tigers;  
     Diving with Dolphins;  
     Walking with Wolves.
- S. Ross Coming Alive  
     Athens is Saved
- Lost Diaries      The Lost Diary of  
                     Tutankhamun's Mummy

## POETRY

### AUTHOR                      TITLE

- |                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| T. Bradman      | Smile Please!                |
| ed P. Cookson   | The Evil Doctor Mucus Spleen |
|                 | How to Embarrass Grown-ups   |
| Give us a Goal! | Football Poems               |
| ed J. Curry     | Pet Poems                    |
|                 | Family Poems                 |
|                 | Spooky Poems                 |
| L. Phinn        | It takes one to know one     |
| R McGough       | Good enough to Eat           |



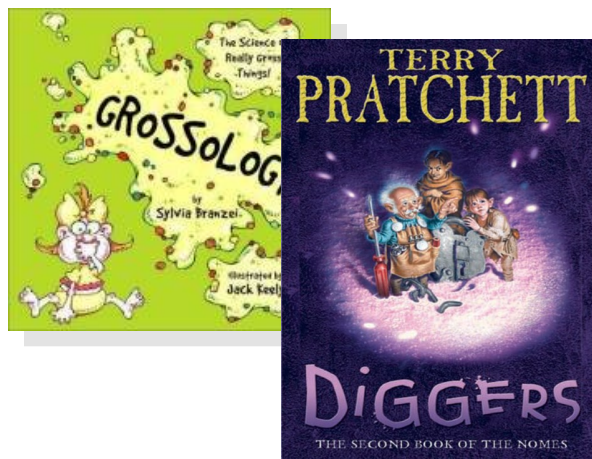
# FICTION

## AUTHOR

## TITLE

A. Ahlberg	The Giant Baby Woof The Bear Nobody Wanted	J. Gavin	Grandpa Chatterji
K. Applegate	Animorphs books	A. Gibbons	Total Football books
E.D. Baker	The Frog Princess	M. Gleitzman	Two Weeks with the Queen Water Wings Misery Guts Worry Warts
N. Bawden	The peppermint pig	M. Hardcastle	Penalty Puzzle
M. Blackman	Operation gadgetman	D. Hendry	The Harvey Angell books
G. Cross	The Great Elephant Chase	A. Horowitz	Granny Groosham Grange books The Devil and his Boy Diamond Brothers series
J. Blume	Superfudge books Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	C. Hughes	Toots books
E. Blyton	Famous Five books	E. Ibbotson	Dial a ghost
A. S-Bondenbury	Little Vampire books	J. Jarman	The Time Travelling Cat
B. Byers	T.V. Kid The Blossoms books	A. Jungman	Vlad the Drac
B. Cleary	Ramona books	G. Kemp	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler
S. Cole	Astrosaurus books	R. Kidd	The Giant Goldfish
F. C. Boyce	Desirable	C. King	Stig of the Dump
C. Cowell	How to train your Dragon How to be a Pirate	M. Lawrence	Nudie Dudie
H. Cresswell	The Piemakers Lizzie Dripping	C.S. Lewis	Chronicles of Narnia books
G. Cross	Gobbo the Great books Twin and Super Twin The Demon Headmaster books	L. Lowry	Anastasia books
R. Dahl	The BFG Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator James and the Giant Peach Matilda The Witches Danny, the Champion of the World	R. Montgomery	Max and the Millions
L. Daniels	Animal Ark books	M. Morpurgo	Wreck of the Zanibar The amazing story of Adolphus Tips The butterfly lion
A. Digby	Trebizon books	P. Pearce	The Battle of Bubble and Squeak The way to Sattin Shore
F.W. Dixon	Hardy Boys books	P Pullman	The firework maker's daughter
E.B. Dyer	Chalet School books	P. Ridley	Mercedes Ice Dakota of the White Flats
A. Fine	The Granny Project The Genie Trilogy Jennifer's Diary The Angel of Nitshill Road	K. Roberts	The Great Pyramid Robbery
M. Foreman	War Game	J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter books
S. Gates	Killer Mushrooms Ate my Gran Snail Boy	D. Sheldon	Lizzie and Charlie go Shopping
M. Gleitzman	Toad rage	P. Shipton	Pig Scrolls
		L. Snicket	An Unfortunate Series of Events books
		K. Umansky	Pongwiffy books
		J. Ure	Becky Bananas
		E.B. White	Charlotte's Web
		J. Wilson	Stuart Little Buried Alive Glubbslyme Double Act

# YEAR 5



## NON-FICTION

### AUTHOR/SERIES TITLE

- Horrible Science (any in the series) including:  
 Space Stars & Slimy Aliens  
 Really Rotten Experiments  
 H. Brennan Space Quest
- Horrible Histories (any in the series) including:  
 Terrible Tudors  
 Slimy Stuarts  
 Gorgeous Georgians  
 England
- Horrible Geography (any in the series)  
 'Dead Famous' (any in the series) including:  
 Shakespeare & his Dramatic Arts  
 Oliver Cromwell & his Warts  
 Spartacus & his Glorious Gladiators  
 Mary Queen of Scots
- 'What they don't tell you about' (any in the series) including:  
 Living Things  
 Planet Earth  
 Henry VIII  
 Shakespeare  
 Tudors  
 Gunpowder Plot  
 Charles I  
 Art  
 The Story of Music
- My Story Diary series  
 Anne Boleyn and Me
- L. Beatty  
 Who was: Anne Boleyn, The Queen who lost her Head

The Knowledge (any in the series) including:

- Flaming Olympics
- Cracking Codes
- Riotous Robots
- Awesome Archaeology

S. Branzei  
 'Top Ten' series  
 'Heinemann profiles'

- Grossology
- Top Ten Shakespeare Stories
- Roald Dahl, Diana, Princess of Wales, Anne Frank, Neil Armstrong

"How to" series  
 How to Be a Genius  
 How to Build a Rocket  
 How to Live on Mars

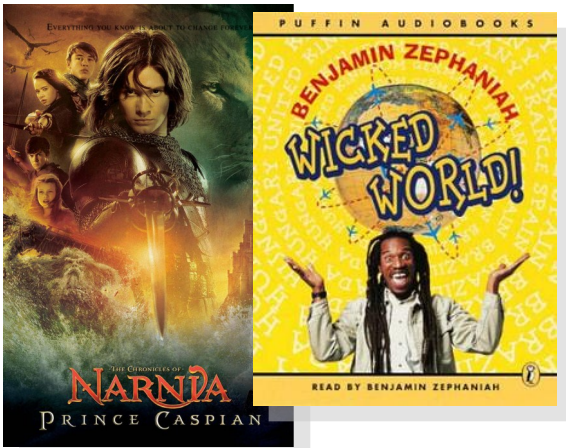
## POETRY

AUTHOR	TITLE
A. Ahlberg	Heard it in the playground
ed J. Berry	Classic Poems to Read Aloud
ed P. Cookson	Unzip your lips again
	Ha! Ha! 100 Poems to make you laugh
ed J. Foster	Excuses, Excuses
ed J. Foster & K. Paul	Never Say Boo to a Ghost
various	Another Day on your Foot
H. Belloc	Cautionary Verses
G. Phinn	Family Phantoms
B. Zephaniah	Talking Turkeys
Ed F. Waters	Why does my Mum always iron a crease in my jeans?

# FICTION

AUTHOR	TITLE
D. Almond	Skellig
P. Ardagh	The Eddie Dickens Trilogy
N. Bawden	The Peppermint Pig
M. Blackman	Hacker Thief
M. Booth	Midnight Saboteur POW
F.H. Burnett	The Secret Garden
B. Byers	The Midnight Fox Trouble River
G. Byng	Molly Moon books
L. Carroll	Alice in Wonderland
G. Cavendish	Lady Grace Mysteries
S. Cooper	The Boggart
R. Crompton	Just William
H. Cresswell	The Bagthorpes books Stonstruck Bag of Bones Moondial
G. Cross	The Great Elephant Chase Wolf
C. Dann	Farthing Wood books
B. Doherty	The Snake-Stone Daughter of the Sea
M. Evans	Who let the Gods out?
A. Fine	Flour Babies The Stone Menagerie Madame Doubtfire A Pack of Liars
C. Funke	Dragon rider
L. Garfield	Smith
A. Garner	Owl Service Weirdstone of Brisingamen
M. Gleitzman	Toad Rage Toad Heaven
C. Haptie	Otto and the Flying Twins
D. Hendry	Double Vision
C. Higson	Young Bond books
R. Hoban	The Mouse and his Child
P. Ho-Yen	Boy in the Tower
A. Horowitz	Alex Rider series Diamond Brothers mysteries
T. Hughes	The iron man
B. Jaques	Redwall Tales
R. Jarvis	The Deptford Mice books
P. Jennings	The Un books: Undone, Unmentionable, Unbearable, Uncovered, Uncanny, Unreal, Unseen, Unbelievable
T. Jones	The Knight and the Squire The Lady and the Squire
S. Jordan	The Hunting of the Last Dragon
N. Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth
E. Kastner	Emile and the detectives
C. King	Stig of the Dump
K. Langrish	Troll Fell/Troll Mill
C. Lawrence	Roman Mysteries books
M. Lawrence	Maggot Pie Neville the Devil
M.G. Leonard	Beetle Boy
C.S. Lewis	Narnia Chronicles books
P. Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
M. Mahy	Underrunners The Catalogue of the Universe Thunder & Lightenings Waiting for Anya
J. Mark	King of the Cloud Forests Kensuke's Kingdom
M. Morpurgo	The Phoenix and the Carpet The Borrowers books Aquila Bernard's Watch Matt's Millions Tom's Midnight Garden
E. Nesbit	The Boy who wasn't there
M. Norton	Black Harvest The Pit
A. Norris	Nomes books: Truckers; Diggers Wings
P. Pearce	Scarecrow and his servant
K.M. Peyton	Swallows & Amazons books
A. Pilling	Vinegar Street Krindlekrax
T. Pratchett	The Olympic Conspiracy The Wolf Wilder Krindlekrax Scribble Boy
P. Pullman	Harry Potter books
A. Ransome	Alpha Force books The Silver Sword
P. Ridley	The 101 Dalmations An Unfortunate Series of Events books
K. Roberts	P. Stewart & C. Riddell The Edge Chronicles books Muddle Earth Fergus Crane
K. Rundell	Ballet Shoes
P. Ridley	Harry and the Wrinklies Ragboy
J.K. Rowling	Switchers Trilogy
C. Ryan	The Hobbit
I. Serrailier	Hippo Ghost books
D. Smith	Mennymys books
L. Snicket	Suitcase Kid Story of Tracy Beaker The Illustrated Mum Dare Game





# YEAR 6

## NON-FICTION

AUTHOR/SERIES TITLE

- Horrible Science (any in the series) including:
  - Really Rotten Experiments
- Horrible Histories (any in the series) including:
  - The 20th Century
  - The Vile Victorians
  - Frightful First World War
  - Woeful Second World War
  - Blitzed Brits
  - England
- Horrible Geography (any in the series)
- Dead Famous (any in the series) including:
  - Spartacus & his Glorious Gladiators
  - Al Capone & his gang
  - Horatio Nelson & his Victory
  - Winston Churchill
- The Knowledge (any in the series) including:
  - Flaming Olympics
  - Awesome Archaeology
  - Cracking Codes
  - Riotous Robots
  - A. Frank Diary of a young girl
- “How to” series
  - How to be a genius
  - How to Clone a Sheep
  - How to Live on Mars
- Pub: Scholastic Double Take:
  - Rivals for the Crown
- “What’s the Big Idea?” series
  - The Monarchy
  - Animal Rights
  - The Environment
  - Nuclear Power
  - Women’s Rights
- My Side of the Story series
  - Escape from War
  - Trouble at the Mill

- S. Adams Winston Churchill
- Adolf Hitler
- Nelson Mandela

My Story Diary (any in the series) including:

- Twentieth Century Girl
- Flying Ace
- Battle of Britain
- D-Day
- Titanic

R. Robinson

- Science Magic in the Bedroom
- Science Magic in the Kitchen
- Science Magic in the Bathroom
- Science Magic in the Living Room

K. Hubbard

Who Was..? Queen Victoria

B. Fowke

Who? What? When?

World War I/ World War II

J. Farman

Short & Bloody History of Spies

## POETRY

AUTHOR

TITLE

R. Dahl

Rhyme Stew

T.S. Eliot

Old Possum’s Book of Practical

Cats

B. Zephaniah

Wicked World

Funky Chickens

Oxford

One Hundred Years of Poetry for Children

Ed B. Hollyer

Haven’t You Grown

B. Moses

The Works 2

ed R. McGough

Kingfisher Book of Comic Verse

ed J. Foster

Excuses, Excuses

ed J. Foster & K Paul

Never say Boo to a Ghost

ed R. McGough

Sensational!

H Belloc

Cautionary Verses

# FICTION

AUTHOR	TITLE
R. Adams	Watership Down
J. Aiken	Wolves of Willoughby Chase
D. Almond	Fire Eaters <i>Skellig</i>
L. Reid Banks	The Indian Trilogy
N. Bawden	Carrie's War The Witch's Daughter
M. Blackman	Pig-Heart Boy <i>Tell me no lies</i>
M. Booth	Doctor Illuminatus
T. Bowler	Starseeker
G. Cavendish	Lady Grace Mysteries
<i>S. P. Clark</i>	<i>Eren</i>
E. Colfer	Artemis Fowl books The Supernaturalist
S. Cooper	The Dark is Rising books
Z. Corder	Lion Boy
G. Cross	Calling a Dead Man
R. Dahl	The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar
P. Dickinson	The Kin books <i>The weathermonger</i>
N. Farmer	Sea of Trolls
<i>D. Ellis</i>	<i>The Breadwinner</i>
A. Fine	Tulip Touch Goggle Eyes Step by Wicked Step The Stone Menagerie Up on Cloud Nine
A Garner	Weirdstone of Brisingamen
L Garfield	Shakespeare Stories
<i>J. Gavin</i>	<i>The wheel of Surya</i>
A. Gibbons	Shadow of the Minotaur Caught in the Crossfire
M Gleitzman	Once
F Hardinge	Fly by Night
C. Higson	Young Bond books
A. Holm	I am David
A. Horowitz	Alex Rider series
B. Jacques	Redwall Tales
R. Jarvis	The Deptford Mice books The Deptford History books Raven's Knot
J. Kerr	When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit
<i>E. Laird</i>	<i>Oranges in no man's land</i>
K. Langrish	Troll Fell/Troll Mill
C. Lawrence T	he Roman Mysteries books
C.S. Lewis	Narnia Chronicles
M. Magorian	Goodnight Mr Tom
M. Mahy	The Haunting Underrunners
J. Masefield	The Box of Delights
A. Masters	Twister
<i>K. Millwood Hargrave</i>	<i>The Girl of Ink and Stars</i>
M. Morpurgo	Twist of Gold <i>Why the whales came</i> <i>The other side of the truth</i>
<i>B. Naidoo</i>	<i>The Wind Singer</i>
W. Nicholson	Slaves of the Mastery Firesong <i>From Hereabout Hilll</i> <i>The Railway children</i>
<i>E. Nesbit</i>	<i>Midnight for Charlie Bone</i>
J. Nimmo	Time Twister
G. Nix	Old Kingdom series (incl Sabriel)
R. O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
C. Poalini	Eragon books
P. Pullman	Northern Lights, Subtle Knife, Amber Spyglass: His Dark Materials Trilogy
T. Pratchett	The Nomes series
A. Ransome S	wallows & Amazons books
P. Ridley	Mighty Fizz Chilla
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter books
C. Ryan	Alpha Force books
A. Sewell	Black Beauty
<i>M. Sedgwick</i>	<i>My swordhand is singing</i>
A. Shearer	Bootleg
L. Snicket	An Unfortunate Series of Events books
J. Spyri	Heidi
<i>R. Stevens</i>	<i>Valentine Joe</i> <i>Rose in the Blitz</i>
R.L. Stevenson	Treasure Island
N. Streatfield	Ballet Shoes
R. Swindells	Abomination Ruby Tanya Blitzed Room 13 The Thousand Eyes of Night
J.R.R. Tolkien	Lord of the Rings Trilogy
M. Twain	Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn
<i>K. Wallace</i>	<i>Raspberries on the Yangtze</i>
R. Westall	Blitz Blitzcat The Machine Gunners
H. Williamson	Tarka the Otter
J. Wilson	Dustbin Baby Midnight Diamond Girls



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